

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-63 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant requests examination of Group VI (claims 59-63). This election is made with traverse. Applicant requests that the non-elected groups I-V (claims 1-58) be cancelled.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-58, and therefore, request that their corresponding non-elected groups be cancelled as well. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at a later time, if so desired.

Applicant has added claims 64 and 65 directed to "said first portion of said cover being disposed against said first side of said saw blade" and "said second portion of said cover being disposed against said second side of said saw blade."

### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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